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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Patent Application

Ulrich CERTA et al.

Group: 1635

Serial No. 09/994,412, filed November 27, 2001

Examiner: Karen A. Lacourciere

For: INHIBITION OF EXPRESSION OF A TARGET GENE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Nutley, New Jersey 07110
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the requirement for restriction, dated as mailed on October 1, 2003, having a one-month shortened statutory period of response that expires on November 3, 2003, Applicants make the following election.

Applicants elect the invention of Group I, drawn to a process of inhibiting the expression of a target gene in cells or tissues. Group I includes claims 1-6.

If a telephone conference would be of assistance in furthering prosecution of the subject application, applicants request that the undersigned be contacted at the number below.

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No fee is required in connection with the filing of this Amendment and Response. If any additional fees are deemed necessary, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 08-2525.

Respectfully submitted,



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